

1724 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 234-5570

Interviews: 1,009 registered voters
Dates: September 8-11, 2006

48 Male
52 Female
[109]

FINAL

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

The margin of error for 1,009 interviews is $\pm 3.1\%$

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

1. First, can you tell me if you are currently registered to vote at this address?

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|--------------|
| Registered..... | 100 | CONTINUE | [138] |
| Not registered..... | - | TERMINATE | |
| Not sure | - | | |

2. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | High | Low | [139] | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | 9/01 | 7/92+ | | |
| 9/06+ | | | | | | | | | |
| Headed in the right direction.... | 31 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 72 | 14 | | |
| Off on the wrong track..... | 54 | 60 | 59 | 61 | 60 | 11 | 71 | | |
| Mixed (VOL)..... | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 6 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4/06 | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | | |
| | | 24 | 26 | 31 | 30 | 26 | 28 | | |
| | | 67 | 62 | 57 | 59 | 63 | 59 | | |
| | | 7 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 10 | | |
| | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | 4/05 | 2/05 | 1/05 | 12/04 | | |
| | 32 | 34 | 35 | 34 | 42 | 40 | 41 | | |
| | 57 | 52 | 52 | 51 | 48 | 47 | 46 | | |
| | 8 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 11 | | |
| | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 7/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04 | | |
| | 39 | 39 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 41 | | |
| | 48 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 48 | 50 | 49 | | |
| | 10 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 5 | | |
| | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.2 (cont'd)

| | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/14/03</u> | <u>12/13/03</u> | <u>11/03</u> | <u>9/03</u> | <u>7/03</u> | <u>5/03+</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Headed in the right direction.... | 47 | 56 | 41 | 43 | 38 | 42 | 49 |
| Off on the wrong track..... | 43 | 30 | 48 | 47 | 50 | 44 | 38 |
| Mixed (VOL)..... | 6 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| Not sure..... | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| | <u>4/03</u> | <u>1/03</u> | <u>12/02</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | <u>7/02</u> | <u>6/02</u> |
| | 62 | 36 | 43 | 44 | 42 | 40 | 52 |
| | 22 | 47 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 31 |
| | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| | <u>4/02</u> | <u>1/02</u> | <u>12/01</u> | <u>9/01</u> | <u>6/01</u> | <u>1/01</u> | <u>10/00</u> |
| | 53 | 62 | 70 | 72 | 43 | 45 | 48 |
| | 28 | 20 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 36 | 32 |
| | 15 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 18 |
| | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3a. For statistical purposes only, would you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to? +

| | | |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| 18-24..... | 5 | [140-141] |
| 25-29..... | 7 | |
| 30-34..... | 10 | |
| 35-39..... | 7 | |
| 40-44..... | 10 | |
| 45-49..... | 9 | |
| 50-54..... | 10 | |
| 55-59..... | 11 | |
| 60-64..... | 8 | |
| 65-69..... | 7 | |
| 70-74..... | 6 | |
| 75 and over..... | 9 | |
| Refused..... | 1 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? +

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| Yes, Hispanic..... | 7 | [142] |
| No, not Hispanic..... | 93 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | - | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

3c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race—white, black, Asian, or something else? +

| | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| White..... | 79 | [143] |
| Black..... | 10 | |
| Asian..... | 1 | |
| Other..... | 2 | |
| Hispanic (VOL)..... | 6 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | High | Low | [144] |
|-----------------|----|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | 11/01 | 4/06 | |
| Approve..... | 42 | 39 | 40 | 37 | 38 | 88 | 36 | |
| Disapprove..... | 53 | 56 | 55 | 58 | 57 | 7 | 57 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| | | 4/06 | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | |
| | | 36 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 39 | |
| | | 57 | 58 | 54 | 55 | 57 | 54 | |
| | | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | |
| | | 9/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | 4/05 | 2/05 | 1/05 | 12/04 |
| | | 40 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 50 | 50 | 49 |
| | | 55 | 49 | 47 | 46 | 45 | 44 | 44 |
| | | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 7/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04 |
| | | 49 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 45 | 47 | 50 |
| | | 47 | 48 | 48 | 46 | 49 | 46 | 46 |
| | | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| | | 1/04 | 12/14/03 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 | 7/03 | 5/03+ |
| | | 54 | 58 | 52 | 51 | 49 | 56 | 62 |
| | | 41 | 34 | 41 | 44 | 45 | 38 | 31 |
| | | 6 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| | | 4/03 | 3/29-30/03 | 3/23/03 | 3/17/03 | 2/03 ¹ | 1/03 | 12/02 |
| | | 71 | 66 | 67 | 62 | 61 | 54 | 62 |
| | | 23 | 29 | 28 | 33 | 31 | 40 | 33 |
| | | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| | | 10/02+ | 9/02 | 7/02 | 6/02 | 5/02 | 4/02 | 4/01 |
| | | 63 | 64 | 67 | 69 | 75 | 74 | 57 |
| | | 31 | 30 | 27 | 23 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| | | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 21 |

¹Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5a. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | High | Low | [145] |
|-----------------|----|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| | | All | Reg. | All | Reg. | | | |
| | | Adults | Voters+ | Adults | Voters+ | 12/01 | 11/05 | |
| Approve..... | 43 | 41 | 43 | 38 | 39 | 63 | 34 | |
| Disapprove..... | 52 | 53 | 52 | 56 | 56 | 25 | 60 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 12 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>4/06</u> | <u>3/06</u> | <u>1/06</u> | <u>12/05</u> | <u>11/05</u> | <u>9/05</u> | |
| | | 35 | 36 | 40 | 38 | 34 | 40 | |
| | | 60 | 58 | 53 | 54 | 60 | 55 | |
| | | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>7/05</u> | <u>5/05</u> | <u>4/05</u> | <u>2/05</u> | <u>1/05</u> | <u>12/04</u> | |
| | | 39 | 43 | 41 | 46 | 47 | 44 | |
| | | 54 | 51 | 53 | 50 | 47 | 51 | |
| | | 7 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>10/04+</u> | <u>9/04+</u> | <u>8/04+</u> | <u>6/04+</u> | <u>5/04+</u> | <u>3/04</u> | |
| | | 45 | 45 | 43 | 45 | 41 | 45 | |
| | | 52 | 51 | 52 | 49 | 53 | 51 | |
| | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/13/03</u> | <u>11/03</u> | <u>9/03</u> | <u>7/03</u> | <u>5/03+</u> | |
| | | 49 | 48 | 50 | 43 | 45 | 47 | |
| | | 45 | 46 | 44 | 52 | 48 | 45 | |
| | | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>4/03</u> | <u>1/03</u> | <u>12/02</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | <u>7/02</u> | |
| | | 49 | 44 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 49 | |
| | | 42 | 49 | 45 | 44 | 43 | 43 | |
| | | 9 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>6/02</u> | <u>4/02</u> | <u>1/02</u> | <u>12/01</u> | <u>4/01</u> | | |
| | | 57 | 61 | 63 | 63 | 52 | | |
| | | 34 | 30 | 27 | 25 | 27 | | |
| | | 9 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 21 | | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | High | Low | [146] |
|-----------------|----|--------|----------|----------|---------|--------|------|-------|
| | | All | Reg. | All | Reg. | | | |
| | | Adults | Voters+ | Adults | Voters+ | 12/01 | 4/06 | |
| Approve..... | 37 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 82 | 32 | |
| Disapprove..... | 57 | 60 | 59 | 61 | 60 | 12 | 61 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4/06 | 1/06 | 11/05 | 9/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | |
| | | 32 | 38 | 35 | 36 | 45 | 42 | |
| | | 61 | 57 | 59 | 56 | 51 | 52 | |
| | | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 4/05 | 2/05 | 1/05 | 12/04 | 10/04+ | 5/05 | |
| | | 42 | 44 | 46 | 45 | 48 | 42 | |
| | | 50 | 50 | 49 | 51 | 46 | 52 | |
| | | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 12/04 | 3/04 | |
| | | 44 | 44 | 44 | 43 | 45 | 47 | |
| | | 51 | 52 | 52 | 51 | 51 | 48 | |
| | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1/04 | 12/14/03 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 | 7/03 | |
| | | 54 | 56 | 48 | 48 | 47 | 55 | |
| | | 41 | 37 | 47 | 48 | 46 | 39 | |
| | | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 5/03+ | 4/03 | 1/03 | 12/02 | 10/02+ | 9/02 | |
| | | 63 | 70 | 51 | 57 | 58 | 55 | |
| | | 31 | 24 | 42 | 36 | 35 | 34 | |
| | | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 11 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 7/02 | 6/02 | 4/02 | 1/02 | 12/01 | 4/01 | |
| | | 62 | 64 | 68 | 81 | 82 | 53 | |
| | | 28 | 28 | 26 | 13 | 12 | 20 | |
| | | 10 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 27 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

5c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the situation in Iraq?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | | | [147] |
|-----------------|----|--------|---------|--------|---------|------|------|-------|
| | | All | Reg. | All | Reg. | | | |
| | | Adults | Voters+ | Adults | Voters+ | 4/06 | 3/06 | |
| Approve..... | 38 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 36 | 33 | 35 | |
| Disapprove..... | 57 | 61 | 60 | 61 | 61 | 62 | 61 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 1/06 | 12/05 | 11/05 | 9/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | |
| | | 39 | 36 | 32 | 37 | 39 | 44 | |
| | | 56 | 60 | 64 | 58 | 55 | 52 | |
| | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

6. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | 4/06 | High | | Low | [148] |
|-----------------|----|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----|-------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | | 9/98 | 4/92+ | | |
| Approve..... | 20 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 61 | 15 | | |
| Disapprove..... | 65 | 60 | 62 | 64 | 67 | 65 | 28 | 78 | | |
| Not sure..... | 15 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 7 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>3/06</u> | <u>1/06</u> | <u>12/05</u> | <u>11/05</u> | <u>9/05</u> | <u>7/05</u> | <u>5/05</u> | | |
| | | 33 | 29 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 28 | 33 | | |
| | | 53 | 56 | 60 | 57 | 53 | 55 | 51 | | |
| | | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 16 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>4/05</u> | <u>1/05</u> | <u>6/04+</u> | <u>5/04+</u> | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/13/03</u> | <u>11/03</u> | | |
| | | 39 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 46 | 39 | 43 | | |
| | | 46 | 40 | 42 | 43 | 41 | 47 | 45 | | |
| | | 15 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 11 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>9/03</u> | <u>7/03</u> | <u>5/03+</u> | <u>1/03</u> | <u>12/02</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | | |
| | | 39 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 44 | 44 | 40 | | |
| | | 45 | 45 | 43 | 39 | 39 | 40 | 44 | | |
| | | 16 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 16 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>7/02</u> | <u>6/02</u> | <u>1/02</u> | <u>12/01</u> | <u>6/01</u> | <u>4/01</u> | <u>3/01</u> | | |
| | | 34 | 43 | 54 | 57 | 47 | 43 | 45 | | |
| | | 48 | 41 | 29 | 29 | 34 | 33 | 32 | | |
| | | 18 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 23 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>3/01</u> | <u>1/01</u> | <u>12/00</u> | <u>10/00+</u> | <u>9/00+</u> | <u>7/00+</u> | <u>6/00+</u> | | |
| | | 45 | 48 | 55 | 49 | 46 | 46 | 43 | | |
| | | 32 | 35 | 30 | 35 | 41 | 42 | 46 | | |
| | | 23 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 11 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>4/00+</u> | <u>3/00+</u> | <u>1/00</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>9/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | | |
| | | 42 | 43 | 48 | 45 | 42 | 40 | 43 | | |
| | | 44 | 40 | 36 | 42 | 45 | 49 | 41 | | |
| | | 14 | 17 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 16 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>6/99</u> | <u>4/99</u> | <u>1/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>10/94+</u> | <u>9/94</u> | | |
| | | 40 | 49 | 50 | 44 | 48 | 24 | 23 | | |
| | | 42 | 38 | 40 | 42 | 39 | 67 | 67 | | |
| | | 18 | 13 | 10 | 14 | 13 | | 10 | | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

7. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| George W. Bush | | | | | | | [149] |
| September 2006+..... | 23 | 19 | 9 | 13 | 36 | - | |
| July 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 21 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 36 | - | |
| Registered voters+..... | 21 | 19 | 10 | 14 | 36 | - | |
| June 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 18 | 21 | 9 | 15 | 37 | - | |
| Registered voters+..... | 18 | 22 | 7 | 16 | 37 | - | |
| April 2006..... | 19 | 20 | 9 | 15 | 37 | - | |
| March 2006..... | 20 | 19 | 11 | 14 | 36 | - | |
| January 2006..... | 24 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 33 | 1 | |
| December 2005..... | 23 | 19 | 10 | 13 | 35 | - | |
| November 2005..... | 20 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 35 | - | |
| October 2005..... | 21 | 20 | 11 | 17 | 31 | - | |
| September 2005..... | 24 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 34 | - | |
| July 2005..... | 27 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 28 | - | |
| May 2005..... | 27 | 22 | 10 | 12 | 29 | - | |
| April 2005..... | 28 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 25 | - | |
| February 2005..... | 31 | 20 | 9 | 13 | 27 | - | |
| January 2005..... | 32 | 19 | 9 | 15 | 25 | - | |
| October 2004+..... | 36 | 14 | 6 | 13 | 31 | - | |
| June 2004+..... | 33 | 15 | 8 | 14 | 30 | - | |
| January 2004..... | 38 | 17 | 8 | 13 | 24 | - | |
| September 2003..... | 35 | 17 | 9 | 15 | 23 | 1 | |
| July 2003..... | 38 | 21 | 9 | 14 | 17 | - | |
| January 2003..... | 36 | 20 | 12 | 16 | 16 | - | |
| October 2002+..... | 37 | 24 | 11 | 12 | 15 | 1 | |
| July 2002..... | 40 | 26 | 11 | 11 | 12 | - | |
| June 2001..... | 30 | 23 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 1 | |
| January 2001..... | 25 | 25 | 18 | 13 | 17 | 2 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| December 2001..... | 54 | 26 | 9 | 6 | 5 | - | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| November 2005..... | 20 | 18 | 12 | 15 | 35 | - | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.7 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| The Democratic Party | | | | | | | [150/155] |
| September 2006+..... | 11 | 23 | 24 | 21 | 19 | 2 | |
| July 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 7 | 25 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 2 | |
| Registered voters+..... | 7 | 23 | 26 | 24 | 18 | 2 | |
| June 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 10 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 17 | 1 | |
| Registered voters+..... | 9 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 18 | 1 | |
| April 2006..... | 9 | 24 | 27 | 23 | 16 | 1 | |
| March 2006..... | 8 | 24 | 30 | 22 | 15 | 1 | |
| January 2006..... | 11 | 25 | 28 | 20 | 15 | 1 | |
| November 2005..... | 8 | 25 | 29 | 20 | 16 | 2 | |
| October 2005..... | 10 | 24 | 32 | 19 | 13 | 2 | |
| September 2005..... | 11 | 26 | 29 | 18 | 14 | 2 | |
| July 2005..... | 9 | 25 | 28 | 22 | 14 | 2 | |
| May 2005..... | 12 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 14 | 2 | |
| February 2005..... | 14 | 28 | 28 | 16 | 13 | 1 | |
| December 2004..... | 18 | 26 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 1 | |
| October 2004+..... | 17 | 25 | 22 | 16 | 19 | 1 | |
| September 2004+..... | 16 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 1 | |
| August 2004+..... | 17 | 24 | 23 | 16 | 19 | 1 | |
| July 2004+..... | 16 | 25 | 24 | 19 | 14 | 2 | |
| September 2003..... | 11 | 29 | 22 | 19 | 16 | 3 | |
| July 2003..... | 11 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 16 | 3 | |
| December 2002..... | 13 | 27 | 27 | 16 | 15 | 2 | |
| July 2002..... | 10 | 29 | 25 | 21 | 13 | 2 | |
| July 2000+..... | 19 | 27 | 24 | 15 | 14 | 1 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| January 2000..... | 20 | 30 | 23 | 15 | 10 | 2 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| July 2006..... | 7 | 25 | 27 | 22 | 17 | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.7 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| The Republican Party | | | | | | | [151/156] |
| September 2006+..... | 13 | 24 | 17 | 20 | 25 | 1 | |
| July 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 11 | 22 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 3 | |
| Registered voters+..... | 11 | 23 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 2 | |
| June 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 10 | 24 | 18 | 21 | 26 | 1 | |
| Registered voters+..... | 10 | 25 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 1 | |
| April 2006..... | 9 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 2 | |
| March 2006..... | 10 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 21 | 2 | |
| January 2006..... | 13 | 24 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 1 | |
| November 2005..... | 9 | 23 | 23 | 19 | 24 | 2 | |
| October 2005..... | 13 | 23 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 2 | |
| September 2005..... | 14 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 2 | |
| July 2005..... | 12 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 1 | |
| May 2005..... | 13 | 27 | 17 | 19 | 22 | 2 | |
| February 2005..... | 17 | 27 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 1 | |
| December 2004..... | 19 | 27 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 2 | |
| October 2004+..... | 20 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 1 | |
| September 2004+..... | 21 | 22 | 16 | 18 | 22 | 1 | |
| August 2004+..... | 18 | 26 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 1 | |
| July 2004+..... | 18 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 1 | |
| September 2003..... | 17 | 26 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 3 | |
| July 2003..... | 18 | 30 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 3 | |
| December 2002..... | 21 | 26 | 22 | 15 | 14 | 2 | |
| July 2002..... | 18 | 25 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 4 | |
| July 2000+..... | 15 | 28 | 24 | 16 | 15 | 2 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| December 2001..... | 21 | 36 | 18 | 13 | 9 | 3 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| July 2006..... | 11 | 22 | 18 | 21 | 25 | 3 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.7 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| Donald Rumsfeld | | | | | | | [152] |
| September 2006+ * | 12 | 19 | 19 | 11 | 32 | 7 | |
| April 2006..... | 11 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 26 | 10 | |
| December 2005..... | 11 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 27 | 9 | |
| July 2005..... | 11 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 22 | 14 | |
| January 2005..... | 15 | 24 | 16 | 11 | 23 | 11 | |
| December 2004..... | 11 | 23 | 17 | 14 | 24 | 11 | |
| May 2004+..... | 16 | 23 | 18 | 14 | 19 | 10 | |
| November 2003..... | 18 | 25 | 15 | 11 | 19 | 12 | |
| September 2003..... | 21 | 26 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 13 | |
| July 2003..... | 21 | 25 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 12 | |
| May 2003+..... | 27 | 25 | 13 | 8 | 13 | 14 | |
| June 2002..... | 23 | 24 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 20 | |
| December 2001..... | 30 | 26 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 21 | |
| Dick Cheney | | | | | | | [153] |
| September 2006+ * | 13 | 21 | 15 | 15 | 35 | 1 | |
| March 2006..... | 12 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 33 | 3 | |
| December 2005..... | 13 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 32 | 3 | |
| November 2005..... | 10 | 17 | 19 | 16 | 33 | 5 | |
| January 2005..... | 19 | 23 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 2 | |
| December 2004..... | 18 | 24 | 13 | 13 | 28 | 4 | |
| October 2004+..... | 24 | 20 | 12 | 11 | 31 | 2 | |
| September 2004+..... | 21 | 20 | 13 | 12 | 31 | 3 | |
| August 2004+..... | 18 | 20 | 16 | 12 | 30 | 4 | |
| July 2004+..... | 16 | 20 | 19 | 14 | 28 | 3 | |
| June 2004+..... | 17 | 22 | 17 | 13 | 27 | 4 | |
| May 2004+..... | 18 | 21 | 16 | 13 | 29 | 3 | |
| March 2004+..... | 17 | 22 | 18 | 14 | 22 | 6 | |
| December 13, 2003..... | 18 | 24 | 14 | 13 | 23 | 8 | |
| September 2002..... | 23 | 27 | 21 | 12 | 12 | 5 | |
| December 2001..... | 36 | 27 | 23 | 3 | 6 | 5 | |
| October 2000+..... | 25 | 24 | 26 | 8 | 9 | 8 | |
| <i>High</i> | | | | | | | |
| February 1991+..... | 33 | 33 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 17 | |
| <i>Low</i> | | | | | | | |
| November 2005..... | 10 | 17 | 19 | 16 | 33 | 5 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.7 (cont'd)

| | <u>Very Positive</u> | <u>Somewhat Positive</u> | <u>Neutral</u> | <u>Somewhat Negative</u> | <u>Very Negative</u> | <u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u> | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------|
| Nancy Pelosi | | | | | | | [154] |
| September 2006+ * | 4 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 16 | 50 | |
| December 2005..... | 3 | 10 | 20 | 6 | 12 | 49 | |
| February 2005..... | 5 | 10 | 17 | 6 | 10 | 52 | |
| December 2002..... | 3 | 8 | 16 | 4 | 8 | 61 | |
| Condoleezza Rice | | | | | | | [157] |
| September 2006+ ** | 30 | 25 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 3 | |
| December 2005..... | 27 | 24 | 17 | 13 | 12 | 7 | |
| February 2005..... | 28 | 22 | 16 | 13 | 14 | 7 | |
| January 2005..... | 20 | 22 | 23 | 11 | 9 | 15 | |
| December 2004..... | 26 | 19 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 12 | |
| May 2004+..... | 26 | 22 | 17 | 12 | 12 | 11 | |
| Dennis Hastert | | | | | | | [158] |
| September 2006+ ** | 3 | 10 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 55 | |
| December 2002..... | 4 | 8 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 62 | |
| January 1999..... | 1 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 74 | |
| Harry Reid | | | | | | | [159] |
| September 2006+ ** | 2 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 12 | 57 | |
| February 2005..... | 4 | 7 | 21 | 5 | 3 | 60 | |
| Bill Frist | | | | | | | [160] |
| September 2006+ ** | 6 | 15 | 18 | 11 | 12 | 38 | |
| May 2005..... | 5 | 9 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 52 | |
| April 2005..... | 6 | 9 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 52 | |
| May 2003..... | 5 | 10 | 15 | 6 | 2 | 61 | |
| January 2003..... | 7 | 10 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 55 | |
| Wal-Mart | | | | | | | [161] |
| September 2006+ | 22 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 2 | |
| Target | | | | | | | [162] |
| September 2006+ | 22 | 29 | 28 | 6 | 4 | 11 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

8. Please tell me how interested you are in this November's elections, using a scale from one to ten, on which a ten means that you are very interested in this November's elections, and a one means that you are not at all interested. You may choose any number from one to ten, depending on how interested you are.

| | <u>9/06+</u> | <u>7/06+</u> | <u>6/06+</u> | <u>4/06+</u> | <u>3/06+</u> | <u>1/06+</u> | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| 10, very interested..... | 47 | 51 | 47 | 49 | 45 | 46 | [163-164] |
| 9..... | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | |
| 8..... | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 15 | |
| 7..... | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | |
| 6..... | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| 5..... | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | |
| 4..... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | |
| 3..... | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | |
| 2..... | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 1, not interested at all..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Cannot rate..... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

9. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

| | <u>9/06+</u> | <u>7/06+</u> | <u>6/06+</u> | <u>4/06+</u> | <u>3/06+</u> | <u>1/06+</u> | <u>12/05+</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Republican-controlled Congress..... | 39 | 38 | 38 | 39 | 37 | 38 | 38 | [165] |
| Democrat-controlled Congress..... | 48 | 48 | 49 | 45 | 50 | 47 | 46 | |
| Not sure..... | 13 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 16 | |
| | <u>11/05+</u> | <u>10/05+</u> | <u>7/05+</u> | <u>5/05+</u> | <u>10/04+</u> | <u>9/04+</u> | <u>6/04+</u> | |
| | 37 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 43 | 42 | 42 | |
| | 48 | 48 | 45 | 47 | 44 | 46 | 44 | |
| | 15 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 14 | |
| | <u>5/04+</u> | <u>3/04+</u> | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/13/0</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | <u>7/02</u> | |
| | 3 | | | | | | | |
| | 41 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 43 | 42 | 43 | |
| | 44 | 45 | 43 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 41 | |
| | 15 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | |
| | <u>6/02</u> | <u>1/02</u> | <u>12/01</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/99</u> | <u>7/99</u> | <u>6/99</u> | |
| | 42 | 44 | 42 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 42 | |
| | 41 | 40 | 40 | 44 | 41 | 43 | 41 | |
| | 17 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 18 | 17 | |
| | <u>4/99</u> | <u>3/99</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>7/98</u> | <u>6/98</u> | <u>4/98</u> | <u>2/98</u> |
| | 41 | 37 | 41 | 40 | 41 | 39 | 37 | 41 |
| | 40 | 43 | 43 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 37 |
| | 19 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 22 |
| | <u>1/98</u> | <u>12/97</u> | <u>9/97</u> | <u>7/97</u> | <u>4/97</u> | <u>1/96</u> | <u>12/95</u> | <u>10/94</u> |
| | 40 | 41 | 41 | 45 | 44 | 41 | 42 | 44 |
| | 42 | 37 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 38 | 41 | 38 |
| | 18 | 22 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 21 | 17 | 18 |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

10. If you could send one message with your vote this year so the people who win the election know what you mean with your vote, what would that message be? **[167-173]** + *

| | |
|--|-----|
| End the war, stop the war, bring troops home | 16% |
| Take care of us, work for the people, for the middle class, average person | 9 |
| Work, get things done, get back on track | 8 |
| Secure borders, deal with immigration | 8 |
| Work on the economy | 5 |
| Keep people safe, homeland security, protect our country from terrorist | 4 |
| Better health care | 4 |
| Stop fighting, get along, compromise | 4 |
| Don't know; no response | 10% |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

11. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel that your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think that it is time to give a new person a chance?

| | <u>9/06+</u> | <u>7/06+</u> | <u>6/06+</u> | <u>3/06+</u> | <u>1/06+</u> | <u>12/05+</u> | <u>11/05+</u> | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Deserves to be reelected..... | 41 | 38 | 42 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 37 | [174] |
| Give new person a chance..... | 43 | 48 | 45 | 48 | 46 | 44 | 51 | |
| Not sure..... | 16 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 12 | |
| | | <u>5/05+</u> | <u>10/04+</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | <u>10/00+</u> | <u>9/00+</u> | |
| | | 42 | 49 | 42 | 41 | 50 | 49 | |
| | | 45 | 34 | 39 | 42 | 35 | 38 | |
| | | 13 | 17 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 13 | |
| | <u>6/00+</u> | <u>12/99</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>12/97+</u> | <u>10/94+</u> | <u>9/94</u> | <u>5/94</u> | |
| | 49 | 42 | 48 | 41 | 39 | 30 | 34 | |
| | 39 | 47 | 37 | 45 | 49 | 53 | 50 | |
| | 12 | 11 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 17 | 16 | |
| | <u>1/94</u> | <u>10/93</u> | <u>9/93</u> | <u>7/93</u> | <u>10/92+</u> | <u>9/92+</u> | <u>7/92+</u> | |
| | 35 | 34 | 37 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 27 | |
| | 47 | 52 | 47 | 55 | 56 | 56 | 62 | |
| | 18 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 11 | |
| | <u>4/92+</u> | <u>2/92+</u> | <u>1/92+</u> | <u>12/91+</u> | <u>10/91+</u> | <u>10/90+</u> | <u>11/89+</u> | |
| | 33 | 37 | 42 | 35 | 40 | 39 | 41 | |
| | 57 | 52 | 48 | 52 | 48 | 48 | 36 | |
| | 10 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 23 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

12. Will your vote for Congress this November be a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?

| | 9/06+ | 7/06+ | 6/06+ | 4/06+ | 3/06+ | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| A vote to send signal of support for Bush..... | 25 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 20 | [175] |
| A vote to send signal of opposition to Bush.... | 37 | 38 | 38 | 31 | 37 | |
| Not a signal either way about Bush..... | 36 | 39 | 39 | 45 | 41 | |
| Do not plan to vote (VOL)..... | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | |

| | | Bill Clinton |
|--|--------|---|
| | 11/05+ | 10/02+ ¹ 10/98+ ² |
| | 21 | 31 28 |
| | 39 | 19 23 |
| | 36 | 49 49 |
| | 1 | - NA |
| | 3 | 1 - |

¹In October 2002, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for President Bush, a signal of opposition to President Bush, or not a signal either way about President Bush?"

²In October 1998, the question was phrased, "Is your vote for Congress this November a vote to send a signal of support for Bill Clinton, a signal of opposition to Bill Clinton, or not a signal either way about Bill Clinton?"

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

13. Which is more important to you in your vote for Congress this November—domestic issues such as the economy, health care, and immigration, or international issues such as Iraq, Iran, and terrorism? +

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Domestic issues..... | 43 | [176] |
| International issues..... | 28 | |
| Both equally important (VOL)..... | 28 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

14. Which of the following concerns you more?

(A) That the Democrats have offered no specific plans or programs to deal with the issues facing the country so it is hard to know what they would do if they were to win the majority in Congress, OR

(B) That the Republicans have offered no changes that they would make to deal with issues facing the country, so it is hard to know what they would do differently from President Bush's current policies if they were to retain the majority in Congress. + *

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Democrats have offered no plans..... | 42 | [177] |
| Republicans have offered no changes..... | 37 | |
| Some of both (VOL)..... | 15 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

15. Generally speaking do you feel that **(READ ITEM)** has the same priorities for the country as you do, or do you think that **(READ ITEM)** has different priorities for the country than you do?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY HAS SAME PRIORITIES

| | Has Same Priorities | Has Different Priorities | Some Of Both/ Depends (VOL) | Not Sure | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| President Bush | | | | | [178] |
| September 2006+ * | 34 | 59 | 6 | 1 | |
| November 2005..... | 29 | 65 | 4 | 2 | |
| May 2005..... | 35 | 57 | 7 | 1 | |
| The Democrats in Congress | | | | | [208] |
| September 2006+ ** | 31 | 49 | 13 | 7 | |
| November 2005..... | 26 | 54 | 12 | 8 | |
| May 2005..... | 34 | 48 | 14 | 4 | |
| The Republicans in Congress | | | | | [180] |
| September 2006+ ** | 28 | 55 | 12 | 5 | |
| November 2005..... | 24 | 58 | 11 | 7 | |
| May 2005..... | 33 | 55 | 9 | 3 | |
| Congress | | | | | [179] |
| September 2006+ * | 15 | 70 | 10 | 5 | |
| November 2005..... | 19 | 65 | 10 | 6 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

16. Of the following issues, please tell me which one or two are going to be most important to you in deciding your vote for Congress this November. **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to pick just one or two, which would they be? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| The war in Iraq..... | 27 | [209-210] |
| The economy and the cost of gas..... | 23 | > |
| Health care..... | 22 | |
| Illegal immigration..... | 22 | |
| Job creation and economic growth..... | 20 | |
| Terrorism..... | 20 | |
| Social Security and Medicare..... | 14 | |
| Moral values..... | 13 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 1 | |
| All equally (VOL)..... | 8 | |
| None of these (VOL)..... | - | |
| Not sure..... | - | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

17. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job—the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or both about the same? If you think that neither would do a good job, please just say so.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

| | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Dealing with Social Security | | | | | | | [215] |
| September 2006+..... | D-23 | 42 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 6 | |
| November 2005 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | D-22 | 44 | 22 | 13 | 16 | 5 | |
| Registered voters+..... | D-24 | 46 | 22 | 11 | 17 | 4 | |
| December 2004..... | D-15 | 38 | 23 | 20 | 13 | 6 | |
| January 2004..... | D-20 | 45 | 25 | 16 | 11 | 3 | |
| December 13, 2003..... | D-15 | 39 | 24 | 18 | 13 | 7 | |
| October 2002+..... | D-23 | 43 | 20 | 19 | 13 | 5 | |
| June 2002..... | D-15 | 36 | 21 | 26 | 12 | 5 | |
| June 2001..... | D-15 | 38 | 23 | 22 | 11 | 6 | |
| December 1999..... | D-15 | 38 | 23 | 18 | 14 | 7 | |
| March 1999..... | D-18 | 39 | 21 | 23 | 11 | 6 | |
| October 1998+..... | D-23 | 44 | 21 | 25 | 6 | 4 | |
| September 1998..... | D-16 | 37 | 21 | 25 | 13 | 4 | |
| July 1998..... | D-9 | 28 | 19 | 34 | 14 | 5 | |
| January 1998..... | D-11 | 26 | 15 | 34 | 18 | 7 | |
| September 1997..... | D-14 | 33 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 8 | |
| October 1996..... | D-12 | 36 | 24 | 17 | 15 | 8 | |
| December 1995..... | D-22 | 44 | 22 | 14 | 14 | 6 | |
| June 1995..... | D-9 | 35 | 26 | 16 | 15 | 8 | |
| November 1994..... | D-5 | 32 | 27 | 15 | 16 | 10 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q.17 (cont'd) | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Dealing with the economy | | | | | | | [214] |
| September 2006+..... | D-12 | 40 | 28 | 17 | 10 | 5 | |
| March 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | D-12 | 39 | 27 | 20 | 11 | 3 | |
| Registered voters+..... | D-11 | 39 | 28 | 19 | 11 | 3 | |
| November 2005 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | D-14 | 39 | 25 | 17 | 14 | 5 | |
| Registered voters+..... | D-14 | 40 | 26 | 17 | 13 | 4 | |
| December 2004..... | D-9 | 39 | 30 | 20 | 7 | 4 | |
| July 2004+..... | D-8 | 40 | 32 | 19 | 7 | 2 | |
| January 2004+..... | R-2 | 36 | 38 | 15 | 8 | 2 | |
| December 13, 2003..... | R-1 | 37 | 38 | 14 | 7 | 5 | |
| October 2002+..... | D-6 | 36 | 30 | 21 | 9 | 4 | |
| June 2002..... | D-1 | 32 | 31 | 24 | 9 | 4 | |
| June 2001..... | D-6 | 37 | 31 | 20 | 6 | 6 | |
| December 1999..... | D-3 | 34 | 31 | 24 | 7 | 4 | |
| March 1999..... | D-6 | 35 | 29 | 26 | 6 | 4 | |
| September 1998..... | - | 31 | 31 | 29 | 6 | 3 | |
| September 1997..... | R-9 | 25 | 34 | 26 | 9 | 6 | |
| October 1996..... | D-4 | 36 | 32 | 15 | 10 | 7 | |
| May 1996+..... | R-4 | 26 | 30 | 27 | 14 | 3 | |
| December 1995..... | R-8 | 22 | 30 | 27 | 17 | 4 | |
| June 1995..... | R-12 | 17 | 29 | 29 | 23 | 2 | |
| October 1994..... | R-8 | 22 | 30 | 28 | 16 | 4 | |
| July 1994..... | R-11 | 18 | 29 | 32 | 17 | 4 | |
| June 1994..... | R-5 | 21 | 26 | 39 | 12 | 2 | |
| October 1993..... | R-5 | 22 | 27 | 20 | 28 | 3 | |
| March 1993..... | D-16 | 34 | 18 | 34 | 11 | 3 | |
| July 1992+..... | D-8 | 26 | 18 | 35 | 18 | 3 | |
| May 1992..... | D-6 | 29 | 23 | 26 | 17 | 5 | |
| January 1992+..... | D-5 | 28 | 23 | 33 | 12 | 4 | |
| October 1991+..... | R-1 | 27 | 28 | 26 | 14 | 5 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

| Q.17 (cont'd) | Party Advantage | Democratic Party | Republican Party | Both About The Same | Neither | Not Sure | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|
| Dealing with Iraq | | | | | | | [212] |
| September 2006+..... | R-5 | 29 | 34 | 16 | 15 | 6 | |
| March 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | R-3 | 27 | 30 | 21 | 16 | 6 | |
| Registered voters+..... | R-4 | 27 | 31 | 21 | 15 | 6 | |
| November 2005 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | D-3 | 33 | 30 | 14 | 17 | 6 | |
| Registered voters+..... | - | 32 | 32 | 13 | 17 | 6 | |
| December 2004..... | R-15 | 27 | 42 | 17 | 10 | 4 | |
| July 2004+..... | R-8 | 31 | 39 | 16 | 10 | 4 | |
| January 2004+..... | R-27 | 22 | 49 | 14 | 12 | 4 | |
| December 13, 2003..... | R-21 | 24 | 45 | 13 | 7 | 11 | |
| October 2002+..... | R-30 | 17 | 47 | 21 | 8 | 7 | |
| Dealing with immigration | | | | | | | [211] |
| September 2006+..... | D-2 | 24 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 11 | |
| November 2005 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | D-6 | 25 | 19 | 21 | 26 | 9 | |
| Registered voters+..... | D-4 | 24 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 8 | |
| Dealing with the war on terrorism | | | | | | | [213] |
| September 2006+..... | R-14 | 24 | 38 | 21 | 12 | 5 | |
| November 2005 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | R-9 | 26 | 35 | 23 | 11 | 5 | |
| Registered voters+..... | R-9 | 27 | 36 | 21 | 11 | 5 | |
| December 2004..... | R-18 | 24 | 42 | 22 | 7 | 5 | |
| January 2004..... | R-24 | 23 | 46 | 22 | 6 | 3 | |
| December 13, 2003..... | R-26 | 20 | 46 | 19 | 9 | 5 | |
| October 2002+..... | R-36 | 13 | 49 | 27 | 6 | 5 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

18. If the Republicans continue to control the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, which one or two of the following things, if any, would worry you most? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which would they be? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|---|----|------------------|
| They would not do enough to control federal spending and the budget deficit..... | 33 | [216-217] |
| They would be unwilling to reassess and find a new policy on Iraq..... | 27 | > |
| They would not do enough to deal with illegal immigration..... | 19 | |
| They would be too willing to support President Bush's programs..... | 18 | |
| They would be too conservative on social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage... | 13 | |
| They would be too supportive of the Christian Right and conservative groups..... | 12 | |
| They would be too harsh in dealing with illegal immigration..... | 6 | |
| None of these..... | 7 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 1 | |
| All (VOL)..... | 7 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

19. If the Democrats were to gain control of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, which one or two of the following things, if any, would worry you most? **(IF MORE THAN TWO, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one or two, which would they be? +

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| There would be gridlock between President Bush and the Democratic Congress and nothing would get done..... | 36 | [218-219] |
| They would favor withdrawal from Iraq too soon..... | 19 | > |
| They would not be strong enough on terrorism and national security..... | 17 | |
| They would be too liberal on social issues, such as abortion and gay marriage..... | 15 | |
| They would be too willing to increase taxes and spending..... | 14 | |
| They would not be doing enough to deal with illegal immigration..... | 14 | |
| The most liberal members of Congress would be in charge of Congressional committees. . . | 10 | |
| None of these..... | 9 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | - | |
| All (VOL)..... | 6 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 20a. I am going to read you the differing positions of a Republican and a Democratic candidate running for Congress on the situation in Iraq. After I read the two positions, please tell me which candidate you would vote for--the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate for Congress.

The **Republican candidate** says the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability in the country. The Republican candidate believes that we are eliminating the terrorist threat in Iraq and helping to fight the global war on terrorism. The Republican candidate says that the Democrats favor a cut-and-run policy.

The **Democratic candidate** says the United States should reduce the current troop level now that Iraq has adopted a Constitution. The Democratic candidate believes that our military has done all that it can and now is the time to set out a timetable for phased troop withdrawal over the next year or two. The Democratic candidate says that the Republicans favor a stand-still policy. + *

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Republican candidate..... | 40 | [220] |
| Democratic candidate..... | 53 | |
| Neither candidate (VOL)..... | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 20b. I am going to read you the differing positions of a Republican and a Democratic candidate running for Congress on the situation in Iraq. After I read the two positions, please tell me which candidate you would vote for--the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate for Congress.

The **Republican candidate** says the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability in the country. The Republican candidate believes that we are eliminating the terrorist threat in Iraq and helping to fight the global war on terrorism. The Republican candidate says that the Democrats favor a cut-and-run policy.

The **Democratic candidate** says that the United States should have an immediate and orderly withdrawal of troops from Iraq. The Democratic candidate believes that our military has done all that it can. Our continued presence is causing the never-ending insurgent attacks and we have created a breeding ground for a new generation of terrorists. The Democratic candidate says that the Republicans favor a stand-still policy. + **

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|
| Republican candidate..... | 48 | [221] |
| Democratic candidate..... | 41 | |
| Neither candidate (VOL)..... | 7 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

21. For each of the following qualities, please tell me how you would rate George W. Bush, using a five-point scale, on which a "5" means a very good rating, a "1" means a very poor rating, and a "3" means a mixed rating.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY GOOD (RATING OF "4" OR "5")

| | Very Good Rating | | | Very Poor Rating | | Cannot Rate | |
|--|------------------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | | |
| Having the ability to handle a crisis | | | | | | | [222] |
| September 2006+ * | 26 | 19 | 18 | 10 | 27 | - | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 27 | 16 | 19 | 12 | 26 | - | |
| Registered voters+..... | 26 | 17 | 19 | 13 | 25 | - | |
| November 2005..... | 18 | 18 | 23 | 13 | 27 | 1 | |
| September 2005..... | 23 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 27 | - | |
| January 2005..... | 33 | 23 | 16 | 10 | 18 | - | |
| January 2001..... | 20 | 27 | 29 | 11 | 11 | 2 | |
| Having the strong leadership qualities needed to be president | | | | | | | [223] |
| September 2006+ * | 25 | 17 | 18 | 11 | 29 | - | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 25 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 30 | - | |
| Registered voters+..... | 26 | 17 | 14 | 13 | 30 | - | |
| November 2005..... | 21 | 18 | 20 | 14 | 27 | - | |
| September 2005..... | 28 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 27 | - | |
| July 2005 | 29 | 19 | 18 | 10 | 23 | 1 | |
| January 2005..... | 32 | 20 | 18 | 11 | 19 | - | |
| June 2004+..... | 32 | 18 | 17 | 13 | 20 | - | |
| November 2003..... | 36 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 19 | 1 | |
| July 2003..... | 42 | 17 | 16 | 8 | 16 | - | |
| May 2003..... | 47 | 17 | 15 | 8 | 13 | 1 | |
| January 2003..... | 34 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 12 | - | |
| July 2002..... | 38 | 24 | 19 | 9 | 10 | - | |
| January 2002..... | 49 | 24 | 17 | 5 | 5 | - | |
| April 2001..... | 28 | 22 | 22 | 13 | 15 | - | |
| January 2001..... | 26 | 24 | 25 | 13 | 11 | 1 | |
| December 1999..... | 26 | 27 | 24 | 10 | 9 | 4 | |
| Having a vision for the country's future | | | | | | | [226] |
| September 2006+ ** | 21 | 19 | 21 | 14 | 25 | - | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults..... | 25 | 14 | 20 | 12 | 29 | - | |
| Registered voters+..... | 26 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 28 | 1 | |
| January 2005..... | 31 | 19 | 22 | 12 | 16 | - | |
| November 2003..... | 27 | 18 | 20 | 11 | 22 | 1 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.21 (cont'd)

| | Very Good Rating | | | Very Poor Rating | | Cannot Rate | |
|--|---------------------|----|----|---------------------|----|----------------|-------|
| | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | |
| Being honest and straightforward | | | | | | | [225] |
| September 2006+ ** | 21 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 33 | 1 | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults | 22 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 32 | - | |
| Registered voters+ | 23 | 16 | 17 | 13 | 31 | - | |
| November 2005 | 20 | 13 | 19 | 15 | 32 | 1 | |
| January 2005 | 32 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 25 | - | |
| June 2004+ | 29 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 26 | 1 | |
| November 2003 | 34 | 18 | 17 | 9 | 22 | 1 | |
| July 2003 | 35 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 22 | 1 | |
| May 2003 | 41 | 18 | 21 | 7 | 13 | 1 | |
| January 2003 | 39 | 21 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 1 | |
| July 2002 | 35 | 23 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 1 | |
| April 2001 | 37 | 18 | 20 | 11 | 13 | 1 | |
| January 2001 | 28 | 22 | 25 | 11 | 13 | 1 | |
| Being compassionate enough to understand average people | | | | | | | [227] |
| September 2006+ ** | 19 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 31 | - | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults | 22 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 34 | 1 | |
| Registered voters+ | 24 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 34 | - | |
| September 2005 | 23 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 30 | - | |
| July 2005 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 13 | 28 | 1 | |
| January 2005 | 29 | 18 | 16 | 13 | 23 | 1 | |
| June 2004+ | 24 | 16 | 22 | 13 | 25 | - | |
| November 2003 | 29 | 17 | 19 | 9 | 25 | - | |
| May 2003 | 34 | 17 | 19 | 9 | 20 | 1 | |
| January 2003 | 27 | 22 | 19 | 12 | 19 | 1 | |
| July 2002 | 33 | 23 | 21 | 10 | 12 | 1 | |
| January 2002 | 44 | 21 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 1 | |
| April 2001 | 26 | 20 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 1 | |
| January 2001 | 21 | 21 | 27 | 14 | 16 | 1 | |
| Being a world leader in dealing with other countries | | | | | | | [224] |
| September 2006+ * | 14 | 17 | 23 | 11 | 35 | - | |
| January 2006 | | | | | | | |
| All adults | 18 | 19 | 18 | 12 | 32 | 1 | |
| Registered voters+ | 19 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 33 | - | |
| September 2005 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 14 | 29 | - | |
| July 2005 | 18 | 23 | 21 | 13 | 25 | - | |
| January 2005 | 19 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 26 | - | |
| July 2003 | 30 | 21 | 19 | 9 | 22 | 1 | |
| May 2003 | 38 | 19 | 15 | 8 | 18 | 1 | |
| January 2003 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 11 | 17 | - | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 22a. Do you think that the Bush administration has taken the right course of action or has it gone too far in its imprisonment and treatment of suspected terrorists and foreign fighters?

| | | 7/06 | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | |
| Has taken the right course of action..... | 9/06+* 54 | 55 | 56 | [228] |
| Has gone too far..... | 34 | 34 | 33 | |
| Depends/some of both (VOL)..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 22b. The Bush administration has announced a new policy in bringing suspected foreign terrorists to trial. The suspects would be tried by military tribunals, and they and their lawyers would not be allowed to view any evidence that has been classified for security reasons that is brought against them, and in some cases the suspects would not be allowed to be present at their court hearings. Do you favor or oppose this new policy? (IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:) And do you strongly (favor/oppose) it or somewhat (favor/oppose) it? + **

| | | |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Strongly favor..... | 26 | [229] |
| Somewhat favor..... | 15 | |
| Somewhat oppose..... | 21 | |
| Strongly oppose..... | 30 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23. On the topic of immigration, how upset will you be if Congress does not pass an immigration bill by the end of its current session--very upset, somewhat upset, not too upset, or not upset at all?

| | | 6/06 | | |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | |
| Very upset..... | 9/06+ 27 | 22 | 22 | [230] |
| Somewhat upset..... | 31 | 27 | 28 | |
| Not too upset..... | 20 | 22 | 22 | |
| Not upset at all..... | 19 | 27 | 26 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to the economy . . .

24. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

| | <u>9/06+</u> | <u>1/04</u> | <u>12/02</u> | <u>10/02+</u> | <u>9/02</u> | <i>High</i> <u>9/98</u> | <i>Low</i> <u>9/02</u> | [231] |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Very satisfied..... | 10 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 31 | 2 | |
| Somewhat satisfied..... | 33 | 45 | 33 | 27 | 32 | 55 | 32 | |
| Somewhat dissatisfied..... | 32 | 30 | 38 | 37 | 41 | 10 | 41 | |
| Very dissatisfied..... | 25 | 18 | 25 | 31 | 24 | 3 | 24 | |
| Not sure..... | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | <u>7/02</u> | <u>4/02</u> | <u>1/02</u> | <u>12/01</u> | <u>1/01</u> | <u>4/00+</u> | |
| | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 29 | |
| | | 42 | 44 | 43 | 47 | 57 | 52 | |
| | | 39 | 33 | 39 | 32 | 18 | 12 | |
| | | 14 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 6 | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | <u>10/99</u> | <u>12/98</u> | <u>10/98+</u> | <u>9/98</u> | <u>12/97</u> | <u>9/97</u> | | |
| | 23 | 26 | 27 | 31 | 18 | 13 | | |
| | 53 | 54 | 55 | 55 | 52 | 52 | | |
| | 17 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 20 | 23 | | |
| | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 10 | | |
| | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | |
| | <u>6/97</u> | <u>3/97</u> | <u>12/96</u> | <u>9/96</u> | <u>6/96</u> | <u>5/96+</u> | | |
| | 10 | 13 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | | |
| | 51 | 45 | 51 | 49 | 43 | 43 | | |
| | 27 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 38 | | |
| | 10 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 14 | | |
| | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | |
| | | <u>3/96</u> | <u>1/96</u> | <u>7/95</u> | <u>4/95</u> | <u>12/94</u> | | |
| | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |
| | | 39 | 37 | 39 | 40 | 41 | | |
| | | 37 | 38 | 35 | 37 | 38 | | |
| | | 19 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 15 | | |
| | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

25. Over the past twelve months, do you think that the nation's economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

| | | 6/06 | | 4/06 | 3/06 | 1/06 | 12/05 | 9/05 | 5/05 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | | | | | | | |
| Economy has gotten better..... | 9/06+ 20 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 20 | [232] |
| Economy has gotten worse..... | 39 | 42 | 41 | 44 | 36 | 37 | 44 | 45 | 42 | |
| Stayed about the same..... | 40 | 36 | 37 | 32 | 39 | 39 | 33 | 37 | 37 | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 1/05 | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | 8/04+ | 7/04+ | 6/04+ | 5/04+ | 3/04+ | |
| | | 31 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 37 | 39 | 35 | 35 | |
| | | 28 | 34 | 36 | 33 | 31 | 28 | 33 | 34 | |
| | | 40 | 35 | 34 | 37 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 29 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 1/04 | 12/13/03 | 11/03 | 9/03 | 7/03 | 5/03+ | 12/01 | 4/01 ¹ | |
| | | 43 | 45 | 38 | 27 | 23 | 18 | 6 | 7 | |
| | | 23 | 27 | 29 | 41 | 42 | 44 | 65 | 57 | |
| | | 34 | 27 | 31 | 30 | 34 | 36 | 28 | 35 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | 3/01 | 3/92 | 1/92 | 12/91 | 10/91 | 9/91 | 7/91 | 6/91 | |
| | | 17 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 11 | |
| | | 44 | 73 | 78 | 74 | 67 | 57 | 64 | 54 | |
| | | 38 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 26 | 33 | 26 | 35 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| | | 5/91 | 12/90 | 10/90 | 9/90 | 7/90 | 5/90 | 4/90 | 3/90 | |
| | | 8 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | |
| | | 64 | 73 | 72 | 57 | 37 | 36 | 30 | 30 | |
| | | 27 | 23 | 24 | 35 | 51 | 52 | 56 | 56 | |
| | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| | | 1/90 | 11/89 | 9/89 | | | | | | |
| | | 12 | 15 | 18 | | | | | | |
| | | 29 | 34 | 23 | | | | | | |
| | | 57 | 49 | 57 | | | | | | |
| | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |

¹ Prior to April 2001, the question was phrased, "Over the past year..."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

26. I'd like to list some economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important economic issue facing the country? **(IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just one, which would it be?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | 7/06 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----------|
| | 9/06+ | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | 9/05 | 5/05 | 1/05 | 1/03 | 9/03 | 7/03 | |
| Gas prices and energy costs ¹ | 26 | 40 | 41 | 30 | 17 | NA | NA | NA | NA | [233-234] |
| The gap between rich and poor. | 24 | 18 | 18 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| The federal budget deficit ² | 15 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 13 | 14 | |
| Unemployment..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 24 | 23 | 41 | 48 | 41 | |
| Federal taxes..... | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 7 | |
| Pension security..... | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| Housing prices..... | 4 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| Inflation..... | NA | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | |
| All equally important (VOL)..... | 11 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| None (VOL)..... | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | 7/02 | 4/01 | 3/01 | 1/01 | 6/94 | 5/94 | 3/94 | 1/94 | 12/93 | |
| Gas prices ¹ | 6 | 38 | 8 | 26 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| The federal budget deficit ² | 11 | 9 | 11 | 18 | 30 | 24 | 33 | 31 | 25 | |
| Unemployment..... | 25 | 13 | 35 | 10 | 35 | 35 | 33 | 37 | 40 | |
| The trade deficit ³ | NA | NA | NA | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | |
| Federal taxes..... | 8 | 11 | NA | 11 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 11 | |
| Pension security..... | NA | NA | 9 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| Inflation..... | 6 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | |
| All equally important (VOL)..... | 11 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | |
| None (VOL)..... | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | 10/93 | 9/93 | 7/93 | 6/93 | 4/93 | 3/93 | 1/93 | 12/92 | 5/92 | |
| Gas prices ¹ | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| The federal budget deficit ² | 26 | 26 | 31 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 24 | 22 | |
| Unemployment..... | 43 | 40 | 37 | 40 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 46 | 46 | |
| The trade deficit ³ | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 8 | |
| Federal taxes..... | 12 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| Pension security..... | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| Inflation..... | 5 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 7 | |
| All equally important (VOL)..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 8 | |
| None (VOL)..... | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Not sure..... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |

¹ Between July 2002 and January 2001, the item was phrased, "Energy prices." In September 2005, item was phrased "gas prices "

² Between January 2005 and March 2001, the item was phrased, "The federal budget." Prior to March 2001, the item was phrased, "Keeping the federal budget balanced."

³ Prior to April 2001, the item was phrased, "The U.S. trade deficit."

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

27. Government statistics show that the gap between the highest income workers and middle- and low-income workers has been getting wider. Which one of the following do you think is most responsible for this? **(IF "ALL" OR MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE, ASK:)** Well, if you had to choose just ONE which would you say is MOST responsible? + **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Excessive salaries and bonuses for corporate executives..... | 30 | [235] |
| Competition from companies and workers overseas..... | 26 | |
| Changes in the economy that have reduced manufacturing jobs and increased demands for highly skilled workers..... | 18 | |
| The policies of the Bush administration and Congress..... | 12 | |
| The wage and hiring policies of American companies..... | 7 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 28a. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should or should not initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? **(IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:)** And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

| | 9/06+* | 7/06 | | 4/06 | |
|--|--------|------------|--------------|------|--------------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | | |
| Should Initiate Military Action | | | | | |
| Feel strongly..... | 38 | 37 | 36 | 33 | [246] |
| Do not feel strongly..... | 16 | 11 | 10 | 9 | |
| Should Not Initiate Military Action | | | | | |
| Do not feel strongly..... | 12 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| Feel strongly..... | 27 | 29 | 30 | 33 | |
| Depends (VOL)..... | NA | NA | NA | 5 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 12 | 12 | 7 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 28b. If Iran continues with its nuclear research and is close to developing a nuclear weapon, do you believe that the United States should join a coalition of other countries to initiate military action to destroy Iran's ability to make nuclear weapons? **(IF "SHOULD" OR "SHOULD NOT," ASK:)** And do you feel strongly about that, or not?

| | 9/06+** | 4/06 | |
|--|---------|------|--------------|
| Should Initiate Military Action | | | |
| Feel strongly..... | 50 | 38 | [247] |
| Do not feel strongly..... | 12 | 10 | |
| Should Not Initiate Military Action | | | |
| Do not feel strongly..... | 8 | 10 | |
| Feel strongly..... | 21 | 32 | |
| Depends (VOL)..... | NA | 4 | |
| Not sure..... | 9 | 6 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

29a/b. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States reduce its number of troops now that Iraq has adopted a constitution?

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "REDUCE NUMBER OF TROOPS" IN Q.33a.) And do you think that the United States should reduce its number of troops but NOT have a timeline for withdrawal of all troops, or should the United States reduce its number of troops and have a target deadline for withdrawal of all troops within a year?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | 3/06 | 1/06 | |
|---|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | All Adults | Reg. Voters+ | | | | |
| Maintain current troop level..... | 39 | 35 | 36 | 35 | 31 | 28 | [248-249] |
| Reduce number of troops..... | 52 | 54 | 53 | 57 | 61 | 66 | |
| WITHOUT timeline for withdrawal..... | 20 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 17 | 21 | |
| WITH timeline for withdrawal..... | 30 | 33 | 33 | 38 | 41 | 43 | |
| Depends/not sure when to reduce (VOL).... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | |
| Depends/some of both (VOL)..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>12/05</u> | <u>11/05</u> | <u>10/05</u> | <u>9/05¹</u> | <u>7/05</u> | |
| | | 35 | 36 | 34 | 36 | 41 | |
| | | 60 | 56 | 58 | 55 | 48 | |
| | | 16 | 11 | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | 42 | 42 | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | 2 | 3 | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| | | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>5/05</u> | <u>4/05</u> | <u>2/05</u> | <u>1/05²</u> | <u>12/04</u> | |
| | | 40 | 43 | 41 | 42 | 45 | |
| | | 53 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 41 | |
| | | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | |
| | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 9 | |
| | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | |

¹ Prior to September 2005, the question was phrased, “. . . or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?”

² Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, “If Iraq’s elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . .”

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

30. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

| | | 7/06 | | 6/06 | | | | [250] |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|------|-------|
| | | All | Reg. | All | Reg. | 4/06 | 3/06 | |
| | 9/06+ | Adults | Voters+ | Adults | Voters+ | | | |
| More confident..... | 32 | 32 | 32 | 38 | 39 | 33 | 32 | |
| Less confident..... | 57 | 58 | 58 | 53 | 52 | 57 | 57 | |
| Depends/some of both (VOL)..... | 6 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 12/05 | 11/05 | 10/05 | 7/05 | 5/05 | 4/05 | |
| | | 39 | 32 | 35 | 36 | 40 | 44 | |
| | | 50 | 58 | 56 | 55 | 50 | 45 | |
| | | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | |
| | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2/05 | 1/05 | 12/04 | 10/04+ | 9/04+ | | |
| | | 47 | 41 | 41 | 46 | 37 | | |
| | | 43 | 48 | 48 | 41 | 53 | | |
| | | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 | | |
| | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

31. Which of the following three alternatives would you most like to see the American military in Iraq take?

A) Continue working toward establishing a secure Iraqi government using American troops in all aspects of the war.

B) Re-deploy American troops so that they only train and support Iraqi forces, but do not leave the secure American bases.

C) Have a phased withdrawal of American troops beginning immediately. +

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| A) Continue using American troops in all aspects of the war..... | 28 | [251] |
| B) American troops only train and support Iraqi forces..... | 42 | |
| C) Phased withdrawal of troops beginning immediately..... | 27 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

32. Which of the following concerns you more about the situation in Iraq?

That the United States will leave Iraq too soon, and the country will have a full civil war and increase the likelihood that there will be more terrorist attacks in the United States, OR

That the United States will follow the current course in Iraq, causing more American troops to die and billions more dollars to be spent. + *

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| U.S. leaves too soon/civil war and increased likelihood of terrorist attacks..... | 44 | [252] |
| U.S. follows current course/more troops die and money is spent..... | 46 | |
| Depends/some of both (VOL)..... | 7 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

33. Do you think the war in Iraq is helping the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, hurting the United States in its ability to win the war on terrorism, or not making a difference either way in the war on terrorism? + **

| | | |
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| Helping the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism..... | 33 | [253] |
| Hurting the U.S. in its ability to win the war on terrorism..... | 32 | |
| Not making a difference either way..... | 32 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 34a. President Bush has compared the war against terrorism to the fight against the Nazis and fascism. Do you believe that this is an appropriate comparison that reflects the danger of the current situation, or an inappropriate comparison that is only being made to justify the Bush policy in the war against terrorism? + *

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Appropriate comparison/reflects the current danger..... | 35 | [254] |
| Inappropriate comparison/made to justify the Bush policy..... | 59 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 34b. President Bush has compared the war in Iraq to the fight against the Nazis and fascism. Do you believe that this is an appropriate comparison that reflects the danger of the current situation, or an inappropriate comparison that is only being made to justify the Bush policy in Iraq? + **

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Appropriate comparison/reflects the current danger..... | 32 | [255] |
| Inappropriate comparison/made to justify the Bush policy..... | 61 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 35a. Some people have suggested that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld should resign because of his handling of the Iraq war. Do you think that Donald Rumsfeld should resign or not?

| | <u>9/06</u> ⁺ * | <u>4/06</u> ¹ | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Should resign..... | 44 | 47 | [256] |
| Should not resign..... | 46 | 39 | |
| Not sure..... | 10 | 14 | |

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
¹In April 2006, the question was phrased, "Recently a number of retired military generals have called for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to resign because of his handling of the Iraq war."
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 35b. If Donald Rumsfeld were to resign as secretary of defense, do you think that this would be an important action that would make a real difference in the war, or do you think it would be a symbolic gesture that would not make a real difference in the war?

| | <u>9/06</u> ⁺ ** | <u>4/06</u> | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Important action/would make a real difference..... | 24 | 26 | [257] |
| Symbolic gesture/would not make a real difference..... | 68 | 65 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | 9 | |

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).
+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

36. There has been a great deal of discussion about the employment practices and benefits of companies such as Wal-Mart. Which one of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Private companies such as Wal-Mart should be allowed to set their own employee practices and standards as long as they meet the health, safety, and minimum-wage rules of the government.

Statement B: The employment practices of private companies such as Wal-Mart should be reviewed and regulated more because they fail to offer adequate health and pension benefits, which means that the government ends up paying for these workers' health care. + *

| | | |
|---|----|--------------|
| Statement A /should be allowed to set own practices and standards..... | 41 | [258] |
| Statement B /should be reviewed and regulated more..... | 52 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

* On September 8-9, the word "adequate" was not included in the phrase "adequate health and pension benefits."

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else? +

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|--------------|
| Voted—George W. Bush..... | 45 | [259] |
| Voted—John Kerry..... | 38 | |
| Voted—someone else..... | 4 | |
| Voted—refused (VOL)..... | 3 | |
| Did not vote..... | 7 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- F2. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work? +

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| <u>Currently Employed</u> | | |
| Professional/ manager..... | 25 | [260] |
| White-collar worker..... | 20 | |
| Blue-collar worker..... | 12 | |
| Farmer, rancher..... | 1 | |
| <u>Not Currently Employed</u> | | |
| Student..... | 2 | |
| Homemaker..... | 6 | |
| Retired..... | 28 | |
| Unemployed, looking for work..... | 3 | |
| Other..... | - | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F3. What is the last grade that you completed in school? +

| | | |
|--|----|-----------|
| Grade school..... | 1 | [268-269] |
| Some high school..... | 4 | |
| High school graduate..... | 25 | |
| Some college, no degree..... | 17 | |
| Vocational training/2-year college..... | 10 | |
| 4-year college/bachelor's degree..... | 21 | |
| Some postgraduate work, no degree..... | 4 | |
| 2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree..... | 12 | |
| Doctoral/law degree..... | 4 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? +

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|
| Strong Democrat..... | 18 | [270] |
| Not very strong Democrat..... | 8 | |
| Independent/lean Democrat..... | 14 | |
| Strictly independent..... | 17 | |
| Independent/lean Republican..... | 12 | |
| Not very strong Republican..... | 8 | |
| Strong Republican..... | 17 | |
| Other..... | 4 | |
| Not sure/nothing..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? +

| | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|
| Liberal..... | 20 | [271] |
| Moderate..... | 40 | |
| Conservative..... | 35 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F6a. What is your religion? +

| | | | |
|--|----|--------------|-------|
| Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians)..... | 50 | CONTINUE | [272] |
| Catholic..... | 25 | | |
| Jewish..... | 2 | Skip to Q.F7 | |
| Muslim..... | - | | |
| Other..... | 9 | | |
| None..... | 10 | CONTINUE | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 4 | | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "PROTESTANT," "OTHER," "NONE," OR "NOT SURE" IN Q.F7a.)

F6b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way? +

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| Fundamentalist/evangelical..... | 17 | [273] |
| Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical..... | 48 | |
| Not sure..... | 8 | |
| Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F6a)..... | 27 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F7. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship? +

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----|-------|
| Never..... | 16 | [274] |
| Once a year..... | 6 | |
| A few times a year..... | 18 | |
| Once a month..... | 6 | |
| About twice a month..... | 11 | |
| Once a week or more often..... | 39 | |
| Not sure..... | 4 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F8. Are you currently single and never married, unmarried and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced? +

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Single..... | 16 | [275] |
| Unmarried, living with partner..... | 2 | |
| Married..... | 59 | |
| Separated..... | 2 | |
| Widowed..... | 10 | |
| Divorced..... | 9 | |
| Other (VOL)..... | - | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F9. How many times in the past month have you shopped at Wal-Mart? +

| | | |
|----------------|----|-----------|
| 8 or more..... | 12 | [276-277] |
| 4-7..... | 18 | |
| 2-3..... | 20 | |
| 1..... | 16 | |
| None..... | 32 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F10. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union? +

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-------|
| Labor union member..... | 13 | [278] |
| Labor union household..... | 6 | |
| Non-union household..... | 79 | |
| Not sure..... | 2 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F11. Please tell me whether any of the following statements applies to you. +

| | | |
|---|----|-------|
| You or an immediate family member are currently serving in the U.S. military..... | 10 | [279] |
| You are a military veteran..... | 16 | > |
| Someone in your immediate family is a military veteran. | 42 | |
| Neither you nor an immediate family member is a current or former member of the military..... | 36 | |
| Not sure..... | 3 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that? +

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Less than \$10,000..... | 4 | [280] |
| Between \$10,000 and \$20,000..... | 7 | |
| Between \$20,000 and \$30,000..... | 9 | |
| Between \$30,000 and \$40,000..... | 9 | |
| Between \$40,000 and \$50,000..... | 10 | |
| Between \$50,000 and \$75,000..... | 22 | |
| Between \$75,000 and \$100,000..... | 12 | |
| More than \$100,000..... | 13 | |
| Not sure/refused..... | 14 | |

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.